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Re: Tour Companies

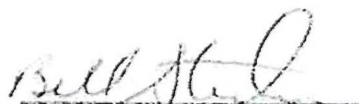
Dear Kerry:

As I related to you on the telephone last week, I received your letter of February 13, 1998, requesting answers to certain specific questions of law relating to tour companies; however, as I advised you, I consulted with my Office and was advised that I cannot provide you with a legal opinion.

Nevertheless, I have attached certain provisions of law that you might find relevant to your questions. In particular, I refer you to Los Angeles Municipal Code section 42.00, subdivision (c), which contains provisions regulating the offering of tour services. As you will see, subdivision (c)(3) of section 42.00 provides an exception to certain tour operations from the provisions of subdivision (c)(1) when they are operated under a permit from the California Public Utilities Commission and where there is a fixed charge for a tour; however, this exception does not apply to the provisions of subdivision (c)(2) of section 42.00. For clarification regarding to Public Utilities Commission permits, I refer you to Joel Pearlstein of the Public Utilities Commission at (415) 703-1082.

Also relevant to your enquiries are Los Angeles Municipal Code section 41.24, subdivision (d), and Penal Code sections 602, subdivision (j), and 602.1. Copies of each are also attached hereto.

Very truly yours,


William N. Sterling
Supervisor, Hollywood Branch

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